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## WELCOME to the January 2011 issue of the *Bi-Annual Cattle Review!* First, I thank all participants from the cattle industry for their continued support and cooperation — especially the producers who provide data for the bi-annual *Cattle* and monthly *Cattle on Feed* surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be possible.

This publication is a compilation of related reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in an effort to provide a complete source of statistics relevant to the cattle industry.

Though many of the statistics in this publication can be accessed through our website on a regular basis (www.nass.usda.gov/Publications), this Oklahoma Field Office summary will be issued twice a year following the release of the USDA-NASS bi-annual Cattle report.

Please feel free to contact our office with any comments or questions you may have. I hope you find this information useful!

Wilbert Hundl, Jr., Director Oklahoma Field Office

### OKLAHOMA AND U.S. INVENTORY

Oklahoma's January 1, 2011, inventory of all cattle and calves, at 5.10 million head, was down 400 thousand head from the January 1, 2010 inventory. All cows and heifers that had calved, at 2.09 million head, were down 2 percent and bulls, at 135 thousand head, were down 10 percent from January 1, 2010. All heifers over 500 pounds, at 895 thousand head, were down 9 percent from last year. Steers over 500 pounds, at 1.03 million head, were down 17 percent from January 1, 2010.

The 2010 **calf crop for Oklahoma**, at 1.90 million head, was down 1 percent from the previous year.

### Cattle and Calves: Inventory by Classes, Oklahoma and United States, January 1, 2010-2011<sup>1</sup>

Class	Oklahoma			United States		
	2010	2011	2011 as Percent of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as Percent of 2010
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
All Cattle and Calves	*5,500	5,100	93	*93,881	92,582	99
Cows that have Calved	2,130	2,090	98	40,456	40,014	99
Beef Cows	2,073	2,036	98	*31,371	30,865	98
Milk Cows	57	54	95	*9,086	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	*980	895	91	*19,746	19,533	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	405	355	88	*5,451	5,158	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	25	20	80	*4,526	4,557	101
Other Heifers	*550	520	95	*9,769	9,818	101
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	*1,240	1,030	83	*16,510	16,382	99
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	150	135	90	2,190	2,153	98
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	1,000	950	95	*14,979	14,500	97

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding

### Calf Crop, Oklahoma and United States, 2009-2010

	Oklahoma			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as Percent of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as Percent of 2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
Calf Crop	*1,920	1,900	99	*35,939	35,685	99
Born Jan 1- Jun 30 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	26,100	25,900	99
Born Jul 1 - Dec 31 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	9,839	9,785	99

Calves born by six month period not available for Oklahoma

Data Source: USDA-NASS January Cattle report.

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<sup>\*</sup> Revised

### **INVENTORY HISTORIC LOWS**

### **OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma's January 1, 2011 inventory of all cattle and calves, at 5.10 million head, is the lowest January 1 inventory since 2004 and is down 400 thousand head from 2010.

All cows inventory, at 2.09 million head, is down two percent from 2010 and is the **lowest January 1 inventory since 2005**. Beef replacement heifers, at 355 thousand head, are down 12 percent from the previous year, while other heifers, at 520 thousand head are down just five percent.

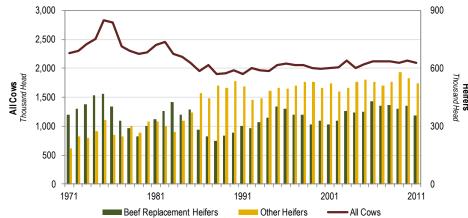
### **UNITED STATES**

The January 1, 2011 inventory of all cattle and calves in the United States, at 92.6 million head, is **the lowest January 1 inventory since 1958** and represents the fourth year of downturn in the cattle cycle after only three years of increase during the upturn.

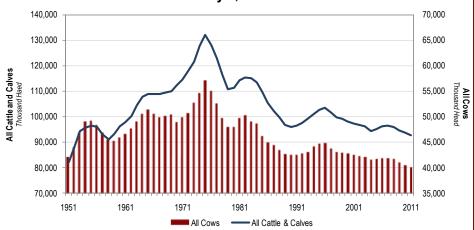
All cows inventory, at 40.0 million head, is down one percent from 2010 and is **the lowest January 1 inventory since 1949**. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.2 million, are down five percent from the previous year while other heifers, at 9.8 million, are up one percent.

Data Source: USDA-NASS January Cattle report.

## All Cows, Beef Replacement Heifers, and Other Heifers, Oklahoma, January 1, 1971-2011



### All Cattle and Calves and All Cows, United States, January 1, 1951-2011

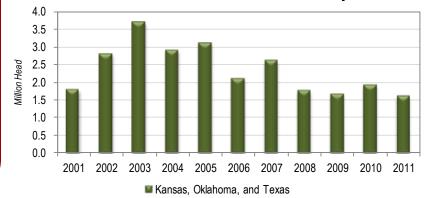


### SMALL GRAIN GRAZING

Steers, other heifers, and calves grazing on small grain pasture in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas totaled 1.60 million head, down 17 percent from the prior year.

Persistent dry weather last fall and early winter limited grazing potential on small grain pastures in Oklahoma. Many wheat producers struggled to get wheat established, delaying stocking of cattle and limiting the length of the grazing season. The dry weather has also had a negative impact on grass pastures and pond water availability.

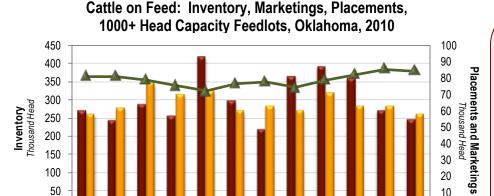
Cattle Grazing on Small Grain Pasture, 3-State Total: Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, January 1, 2001-2011



Data Source: USDA-NASS January Cattle report.

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### CATTLE ON FEED



Aug

Jul

Marketings

Sep

Oct

Nov

Inventory

May

Jun

Apr

January 1, 2011 cattle on feed inventory for Oklahoma numbered 375 thousand head in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, down 1 percent from the previous month and up 3 percent from January 1, 2010. Placements during December were 55,000, marketings of fed cattle were 58,000, and other disappearance totaled 2,000 head.

Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly Cattle on Feed report.

Feb

Mar

Placements

### MONTHLY PRICES

Jan

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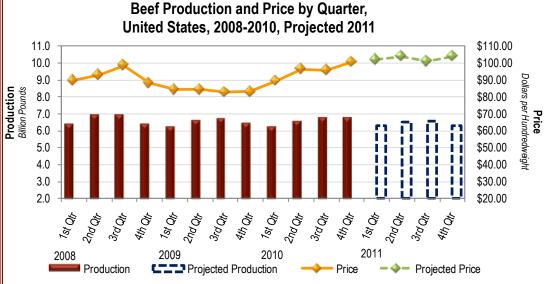
Strong cattle prices were experienced throughout 2010. The year began much like 2009 ended, with the January average at \$86.70/cwt. This was followed by several months of sharp increases then holding steady above \$95.00/cwt. The year finished out strong at \$102.00/cwt for the month of December.

The 2010 prices were well above the previous year and 2000, but not quite reaching the highs seen in 2005.

Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly Agricultural Prices report.

# Cattle 500+ Pounds: Monthly Prices Received, Oklahoma, 2000, 2005, 2009-2010 \$110.00 \$105.00 \$990.00 \$990.00 \$880.00 \$75.00 \$775.00 \$70.00 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

### PRODUCTION AND PRICE OUTLOOK



Beef production forecasts for 2010 and 2011 reflect large placements of cattle during the fourth quarter of 2010 which will be ready for slaughter during mid-2011. The cattle price forecast for 2011 is raised to reflect continued strong demand for cattle and lightening supplies of fed cattle.

Data Source: USDA-WAOB monthly World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates report.

TO OKLAHOMA CATTLE PRODUCERS: This report contains results collected from the bi-annual Cattle and monthly Cattle on Feed surveys. Your operation, large or small, represents Oklahoma agriculture. We appreciate your assistance in providing timely and accurate data. Thank you for your support.

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Crop Reports

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